

## NEWS ITEMS FOR THE BUSY READER.

All Important Happenings That Have Recently Transpired Throughout the World.

### EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Crimes and Casualties, the Movements of Government Officials and Other Interesting Events Cited, Condensed and Noted.

A movement to have the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan take place in Chicago, should a change from Washington be desired, has been inaugurated.

Gov. John A. Johnson sent a message to the president inviting the Russian-Japanese plenipotentiaries to meet in St. Paul, Minn., in the event of some other place being selected than Washington.

The Japanese correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Mofu, Japan, says: "The rainy season has started in Manchuria, and the mud in the roads is knee deep, but this will not interfere with military operations."

The St. Petersburg Gazette publishes a sensational interview with the secretary of the Chinese legation to the effect that Russia must conclude immediate peace, as Gen. Linovich's army is entirely surrounded.

A dispatch from the headquarters of the Russian army at Godzydani describes fighting in the vicinity of Liao Yangwopeng from 2 till 8 o'clock on the morning of June 16. The Russian artillery at first forced the Japanese to retreat along the whole line. In the meantime another force of Japanese turned the Russians' right flank, compelling the Russian detachment to retire from Liao Yangwopeng. At this moment a strong Japanese infantry column was observed approaching.

It was announced at the navy department that the contract for the annual supply of tobacco for the navy, aggregating 150,000 pounds, would be awarded to Butler & Boshor, of Richmond, Va., whose bid was 34½ cents per pound.

Amid the cry of "thieves" and "crooks" and under the protection of a squad of police, the committee on street railways of Philadelphia city council referred to the city solicitor for his opinion as to their legality four bills repealing ordinances granting street car companies the right to use 110 miles of street to lay tracks without the city receiving any compensation for the franchises.

Theodore P. Delyannis, the popular premier of Greece, was stabbed and mortally wounded by a professional gambler named Gherakaris, at the main entrance of the chamber of deputies, Athens.

The joint exercises of the army and navy appear to demonstrate that it would be almost impossible for a small fleet to run the batteries at Fort Monroe, Va., and get into Hampton Roads. The mortars and searchlights have done most satisfactory work.

Commissioner of Pensions Warner received a contribution of \$1,924 to the consolation fund of the treasury. It came from a pensioner and represented the sum total of the pension money drawn by him since the civil war.

Auctioneers of all the principal states gathered in Chicago in response to a call issued several months ago for the purpose of organizing an international association.

The government of Panama, in accordance with the desires of the canal commission and the local bankers, has decided to coin 1,000,000 silver pesos. This step is calculated to relieve the demand for silver.

Great Britain, as one of the powers signatory to the Madrid convention of 1880, in answer to the request of the sultan of Morocco to join an international conference for the consideration of the Moroccan question, has announced that its preference is not to take any part in it.

The state department has been officially advised of the acceptance by Italy and Austria of the invitation to participate in a conference for the settlement of affairs in Morocco.

Much uneasiness prevails in official quarters in Paris concerning the Franco-German situation growing out of the Moroccan question.

The strained relations between Germany and France over Morocco continue to give rise to serious apprehensions, but while openly admitted that there are real difficulties involved, the officials protest against this being made the basis of exaggerated reports.

Presbyterians will petition the state legislature to have the town of Talmage, N. C., named for the late Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, changed. They say it is not worthy of the name it bears.

President Roosevelt expects to pass the greater part of October 23 at Tuskegee, Ala., and arrangements already are making for a demonstration by the students of the Tuskegee institute in his honor.

Two hundred brickmakers employed by the Chicago Brick Co. went on strike because lumber was delivered at the plant by non-union drivers employed by the Lumbermen's association.

Deputy United States Marshal D. G. Williams, of Danville, Ill., has unearthed \$1,308 in counterfeit money on a farm near Ridgefarm.

Louisville, decorated to an extent hitherto unknown and smiled on with typical summer weather, extended the hand of hospitality to a never-ending stream of arriving veterans, who came to attend the 15th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans.

For the second time in five years the United Confederate Veterans and auxiliary organizations gathered in Louisville, Ky., for their annual reunion. Chaplain Gen. Jones, in his invocation, prayed that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon the president of these United States and "that he may be enabled to be the president of the whole country and of every section."

The United Confederate Veterans re-elected their old officers as follows: Commander-in-chief, Lieut. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Mississippi; commander trans-Mississippi department, Lieut. Gen. W. L. Cabell, Texas; commander army of Tennessee department, Lieut. Gen. Clement A. Evans, Georgia; commander army of Northern Virginia department, C. Irvine Walker, South Carolina.

Beneath the shot riddled battleflags that floated over many a sodden field and to the thrilling strains of "Dixie" that oft had cheered them on to victory or defeat, the veterans who wore the gray marched in review before thousands of people gathered in Kentucky's chief city, Louisville, to do them honor.

Orders were received at the New York navy yard from the navy department at Washington to remove the guns in the fighting tops of the battleship Alabama. Orders have been issued also that the guns are not to be replaced in the fighting tops of the battleship Indiana, which is being repaired. It is reported that the guns are to be replaced by range finders, and that similar orders were to be issued regarding other battleships.

Plans have been ordered for a million dollar passenger steamer with a speed of 24 miles an hour to run between Detroit and Cleveland.

The increase in assessments by the Royal Arcanum has caused a storm in the large membership of the order throughout Virginia. Members everywhere are threatening to revolt.

A granite shaft erected in memory of those who lost their lives in the disaster to the excursion steamer General Slocum in East river was unveiled in the Lutheran cemetery in Middle Village, L. I.

Secretary of State John Hay arrived from Europe on the steamer Baltic, much improved in health, but plainly showing that he was far from being a well man.

Princess Margaret, of Connaught, niece of King Edward, and granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was married to Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, son of the Swedish crown prince, at Windsor.

Commissioner of Pensions Warner decided that after July 1 all orders for medical examination of pension claimants shall emanate from the medical branch of the bureau under direction of the medical referee.

The treasury department issued a warrant for \$583 in favor of President Roosevelt, which represents the two months' extra pay allowed to officers in the Spanish war under an act passed by congress in 1899.

The greatest scandal Chicago has ever seen, according to State's Attorney Healy, is to follow the disclosures made before the grand jury by John C. Driscoll when the former secretary of the Associated Building Trades and Coal Team Owners' association revealed the entire history of the dealings between employers and union labor leaders, particularly that branch of union labor represented by the Chicago Teamsters' union.

A new dry dock, over 700 feet long, and of proportions sufficient to accommodate the most powerful warship afloat, is to be built at the Newport News shipyards. The work will cost \$1,000,000.

It is probable that no successor to Grand Duke Alexis, who resigned his position as high admiral of the navy will be appointed, and that the affairs of his department will be entrusted to a responsible minister.

Mrs. Paul Klass killed her four small children and then committed suicide at her home near Kleier, Wis. Ill. health.

Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller is to retire from the United States supreme bench and to be appointed by the president as a member of the international board of arbitration. Secretary of War Taft is to be appointed chief justice.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending June 15 number 177, against 194 last week, 181 in the like week in 1904, 165 in 1903 and 177 in 1902.

Mrs. Sarah Burrier Rhodes, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on July 25, 1806, died at Marshall, Okla. Michael Rhodes, whom she married in Michigan, died 32 years ago at Fort Wayne, Ind. She was the mother of 13 children.

Gladstone Dowle and Judge Barnes have practically completed the deal for the purchase of the Gonzales ranch in the Stat of Tamaulipas. This tract comprises 1,000,000 acres.

Through the explosion of a cask of oil at the plant of the National Tube Co. at McKeesport, Pa., four men were burned so seriously that they will die.

The treasury department began the issue of a new \$20 gold certificate of an entirely original design to take the place of the old certificates.

Mt. Vesuvius has entered upon a new phase of activity which has resulted in widening the recently made opening next to the crater.

A reception was given to Vice President Fairbanks and Mrs. Fairbanks at the home of his brother, W. D. Fairbanks, at Mansfield, Ill.

Assistant Secretary Melville W. Miller, of the department of the interior, presented his resignation to the president and it was accepted. In succession the president appointed Jesse Wilson, of Indiana.

The General Paper Co., sued by the government to determine whether it is a combine in restraint of trade, has lost its contention before the United States circuit court, Milwaukee, that it should not be compelled to produce its books to supply evidence in response to the prosecutor's search for evidence.

With the opening of the Truckee-Carson canal below Reno, Neb., the first irrigation system constructed by the government under the reclamation act, a new area was opened for Nevada and the entire west. The main canal runs from Derby, 15 miles east of Reno, on the Truckee river, to a point 10 miles above Leetville, on the Carson river a distance of 31 miles.

Johann Hoch, arch bigamist and convicted of wife murder, is in a cheerful frame of mind. A representative of a New York publishing house called to see the uxoricide and told him that if he would agree to write a complete and readable history of his life he would pay him \$1,000.

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan and Miss Bryan sailed for Europe on the steamer Vaderland.

Eighty tons of gold—\$45,000,000—altogether with silver and currency amounting to \$10,000,000, or \$55,000,000 in all, were hauled through the streets from the old subtreasury in the Rand-McNally building to the New federal building, Chicago.

The Paris Journal prints the official announcement of Premier Rouvier's nomination as minister of foreign affairs, and that of M. Merlou as minister of finance.

J. Graham Phelps Stokes, the millionaire philanthropist, and Rose Harriet Pastor, former cigar maker and ghetto girl, will be married in New York on July 18. The ceremony is to be marked by simplicity. Miss Pastor's wedding dress cost less than \$40. It is all ready.

Samuel Davis, America instructor of the Panama police, died in Panama. His death is deplored, as the police had greatly improved under his instruction. Davis formerly was a detective sergeant of the New York city police.

Gen. Arthur L. Wagner, U. S. A., of Washington, who went to Asheville, N. C., about six weeks ago in search of health, died suddenly of tuberculosis, contracted while in service in the Philippines.

Dr. James M. Ayers, of Hamilton, G., who has been since 1898 the United States consul at Rosario, Argentine, was officially notified that he had been removed from office.

Profits of \$1,250,000 in three years are said to have been made by the Continental Finance Co., and an allied concern, kowa as the Continental Financing Co., of Chicago, for both of which concerns the Western Trust and Savings bank was appointed a receiver.

A. C. Sefton, of Mt. Vernon, was found dead by campers in a grove near Columbus, O., with a bullet hole in his head and the revolver lying near, indicating suicide.

Fire practically destroyed the entire town of Johnson City, five miles from Marion, Ill. Forty buildings, including the entire business section, were burned.

Pascal P. Pratt, millionaire merchant and banker, died in Buffalo, N. Y. He had undergone an operation and never rallied from the shock.

In a pitched battle on a negro excursion train, returning from Atlanta, Ga., to Columbus, 11 negroes were killed and three dangerously wounded.

As the result of a quarrel among members of a fishing party on the Dan river, ten miles south of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Charles Booth, Charles Vanderpool and Cleveland Parrett were shot and killed.

The St. Louis Typographical union rescinded its action of June 8 in accepting a contract calling for a nine hour day and an advance of \$1.50 a week in wages for the union job printers.

The flags of every nation represented in Havana are at half-mast over the legations and consulates in honor of the death of Gen. Maximo Gomez, and from Cabanas fortress a gun booms every half hour. In every street there are long rows of Cuban flags draped in mourning.

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The great Armour ice houses at Peawaukee, Wis., were struck by lightning and practically destroyed. In addition to the ice houses the residence of the superintendent, the barns and the boarding house, with 50 rooms, were destroyed. Loss \$225,000.

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## TO ARRANGE PEACE.

Washington Was Selected as the Meeting Place.

M. Nelidoff Has Already Accepted the Chairmanship of the Russian Mission—Conference To Convene the Middle of August.

St. Petersburg, June 19.—Russia has finally and definitely accepted Washington as the meeting place of the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries, the foreign office having waived its request for reconsideration at the personal direction of the emperor, whose desire to give the fullest and fairest opportunity to President Roosevelt's proposal for a peace conference is thereby manifested.

In certain quarters here envy and jealousy of the United States are ill-concealed. The entire collapse of the negotiations was predicted Saturday and there was almost open exultation at what was declared to be a "rebuff to Roosevelt."

Washington, June 19.—Russia and Japan have tentatively decided each to appoint three plenipotentiaries to represent them in the Washington conference. M. Nelidoff, it is understood, has already accepted the chairmanship of the Russian mission, and is being consulted about selection of his associates, but Washington has not yet heard whether Marquis Ito's health will permit him to come as the ranking Japanese plenipotentiary. The belief here is that Field Marshal Yamagata will be designated in Ito's place should the marquis be unable to accept. It is expected that the conference will convene here about the middle of August.

Pending the official announcement of the plenipotentiaries little progress toward the arrangement of an armistice is being attempted on either side.

### A RAILWAY DISASTER.

Twenty-Five People Killed in a Collision on Western Maryland Road.

Baltimore, June 19.—The death toll of Saturday night's disaster on the Western Maryland railroad now foots up 25 and this number is likely to be increased from among the list of those grievously mangled. All the dead were employees of the railroad returning to their homes in the small towns along the railroad to spend Sunday. With the exception of the train crews they had been at work repairing the damage done to the roadbed ten days ago by a minor freight wreck at Mt. Hope Station, near this city. The train, which was No. 5 passenger, west-bound, carried a large number of passengers, all the coaches being filled.

The fearful impact drove the passenger tender into the baggage car and demolished it and the mail car. In an instant the scene resembled a shambles. Along the track on both sides were scattered dead and frightfully mangled men, while most of those who had been in the baggage car and on the engines were pinioned in the wreckage out of immediate reach of helping hands.

### TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

Matter Taken Out of the Hands of Shea and the Board of Strategy.

Chicago, June 19.—It is freely predicted by both the members of the Employers' association and labor leaders that the teamsters' strike, which has been in progress for over two months, will be a thing of the past before the end of the present week. Efforts are now being made in two different directions to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty. According to one of the officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor the strike will be called off entirely by the strikers themselves. As a step toward this end, it was decided at an executive meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor to begin missionary work with members of the Teamsters' Joint Council. The plan is to work on these officials and bring a majority of them to favor calling off the strike.

### THE DEATH OF GEN. GOMEZ.

Flags of Every Nation Represented at Havana at Half-Mast.

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London, June 19.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says he learns on excellent authority that the majority of the members of the Swedish riksdag are ready to accept King Oscar's third son, Prince Karl, as king of Norway.

To Settle Far Eastern Affairs.

London, June 19.—According to the Daily Mail's Paris correspondent, Emperor William has been sounding the powers with the object of convening an international conference to settle far eastern affairs.

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

### THE HARGISES.

The Murder Charges Against Them Were Dismissed.

Jackson, Ky., June 19.—After consulting the attorneys and addressing to each prisoner the direct question of whether he had anything to do with the murder of James Hargis, Magistrate Allen dismissed the charges of murder preferred in his court against James Hargis, Alex Hargis and E. F. French, concluding one of the most dramatic sessions ever held in a Kentucky court and relieving Jackson of a tension of excitement that has lasted throughout the trial.

The proceedings were enlivened by incidents of the trial that were feared to be working the factions into fighting moods. Prosecuting Attorney Blanton, angered at James Hargis' cross-examination of a witness, arose suddenly, shook his fist under the interrogator's face and, turning toward Magistrate Allen, said:

"This court can go to the devil."

Blanton left the room, but at Mrs. Marcum's plea returned and continued in the case, participating in the consultation which preceded the court's announcement of the dismissal of the case.

### KILLED A BOY.

Later in a Fit of Remorse Cosby Committed Suicide.

Kuttawa, Ky., June 19.—J. C. Cosby, who located here a few weeks ago, setting up a jewelry and watch repair shop, died from the effects of morphine taken with suicidal intent. He came here from Fredonia, Ky. It is reported that while hunting some months ago in company with a boy an altercation arose, and in self-defense he shot and killed the boy. This act preyed upon his mind until he committed the act. He leaves a wife and three small children in a penniless condition.

### INDICATIONS OF TROUBLE.

Mose Feltner Taken From Jackson To Winchester.

Lexington, Ky., June 17.—It was decided to take Mose Feltner back to Winchester from Jackson. There are strong indications of trouble and the county attorney believes that if Feltner takes the stand against the Hargises and French this will be the signal for an outbreak. He advised Sheriff McChord, of Clark county, in whose custody Feltner remains pending the convening of the Estill circuit court, that it might be unsafe for Feltner to remain. Feltner will refuse to return to Jackson unless the governor provides a military escort.

### CONFEDERATE VETERAN DEAD.

He Died With Twenty-Three Notches in His Gun.

Louisville, Ky., June 17.—Andrew Jackson Cogar, 70, confederate veteran from Midway, Ky., who was one of the most famous sharpshooters in the civil war, was found dead from apoplexy in bed at the South Carolina reunion headquarters. He claimed to have killed 23 federals at the battle of Manassas.

### Robbed a Veteran.

Lexington, Ky., June 15.—Tom Costigan is locked up here charged with picking the pocket of Joseph Hughes, of Lockhart, Tex., a confederate veteran stopping over here en route to the reunion at Louisville. Costigan, when arrested, had Hughes' pocket-book.

### Settled the Differences.

Central City, Ky., June 19.—At Beaver, near here, Henry Brown killed Dave Patton. Patton went to Brown's house to settle differences between their children. Brown secured Patton's pistol, shooting the latter three times in the head.

### Death From Unnatural Causes.

Paducah, Ky., June 17.—The inquest into the sudden death of Mrs. Ida Hessig, who was found dead in her room a week ago by her husband, Dr. S. T. Hessig, was finished and the jury returned a verdict that she came to her death "from unnatural causes."

### State Normal School.

Lexington, Ky., June 17.—Plans are on foot to wrest from the State college here control of the State Normal school and located at different points into three parts, located at different points in the state.

### Both His Legs Were Broken.

West Point, Ky., June 17.—Ed McAffee, who was acting in place of J. G. Brashear, master of bridges for the Texas railroad, fell at Irvington and both legs were broken. He is also injured internally.

### Slot Machines Return.

Newport, Ky., June 19.—There was a wave of indignation in Newport when the people learned that the slot machines which had been ordered out May 1 by the mayor had reappeared. The saloonkeepers will fight the matter in the courts.

### Feudist Gets Two Years.

London, Ky., June 19.—Thiford Denge was convicted and sentenced to two years in the Clay circuit court, by a jury summoned from Laurel county, for killing State Representative J. C. Howard.

### Accidentally Shot Himself.

Covington, Ky., June 19.—Brainard Bayless, the son of Waterworks Commissioner Bayless, of Covington, accidentally shot himself in the left arm. Bayless was cleaning his revolver and did not know it was loaded.

### A HOME PURCHASING COMPANY.

Brought To a Termination By the Arrest of the Active Head.

Paducah, Ky., June 17.—The affairs of the People's Home Purchasing Co. came to an abrupt termination with the arrest of its active head, J. E. Bordeaux, on the charge of conducting a business without a license and for failure to make the deposits with the state treasury as required by law of foreign corporations. The company is chartered under the laws of New Jersey and has been conducting a business similar in some respects to that of building and loan companies. Depositors are promised a home on installment plan. A rigid investigation is in progress and there may be further arrests. A receiver has been asked for on behalf of the patrons. The amount of money taken in can not be learned at this time, but it is thought to be large.

A fraud order has been issued against the concern by the postal authorities at Washington. The company had customers in many states.

### SUN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The Court of Appeals Decided Against the Policyholders.

Frankfort, Ky., June 16.—The Kentucky court of appeals decided against the policy holders in the Sun Life Insurance Co. of America in their efforts to secure a distribution among them of the reserve funds of the company following its withdrawal from business, and the assumption of its outstanding policies by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The policy holders who were plaintiffs in the Jefferson Chancery court had agreed to the transfer to the Metropolitan company and the court here says they are bound by their contract of agreement, but that, had they refused to agree, they could only secure, under section 659 Kentucky statutes, the surrender of the value of the policy.

### MURDER RESULTED.

Negro Was Drinking From a Faucet Used By White Men.

Paducah, Ky., June 16.—Walter G. Taylor, timekeeper for the W. J. Oliver Construction Co., was probably fatally shot by an unknown negro at Wickliffe. The negro was drinking from a faucet where white men got their water when Taylor ordered him to desist. Refusing, the white man struck the negro, who pulled a pistol and shot him. A posse is in pursuit, and if the negro is captured he will be lynched. Taylor was removed to Memphis, Tenn.

### Carried a Portable Register.

Paducah, Ky., June 16.—Edgar Morrison, a street car conductor, was arrested on the charge of conspiracy with intent to defraud the Paducah City Railroad Co. It is alleged that by the use of a portable register stolen from the office the company has been defrauded out of about \$2,000 in a few weeks.

### Three Sisters Drowned.

Brandenburg, Ky., June 16.—Misses Hallie, Fannie and Annie Belle Booth, daughters of Dr. Galt Booth, residing at Creclius, 15 miles below here, were drowned in the Ohio while bathing. Misses Hallie and Fannie lost their lives in an effort to save their sister Annie.

### More Tax Raises.

Frankfort, Ky., June 16.—The board of equalization passed finally on the following counties: Franklin and Garrard, no change; Oldham, 10 per cent. raise on lands; Gallatin, 20 per cent. raise on lands; Jessamine, 10 per cent. raise on lands and 12 per cent. on town lots.

### It Looks Like Murder.

Hindman, Ky., June 19.—The body of Alice Bradley, 30, was found hanging from a tree by a party of hunters on Quicksand creek, near this city. A gash in the back of the woman's head leads the authorities to believe that she was decloyed to the spot and murdered.

### He Teyed With a Pistol.

Covington, Ky., June 19.—Clarence Everson, while toying with a pistol at his home, accidentally let the hammer drop, and the pistol was discharged. The bullet imbedded itself in his left knee, wounding him so seriously that it is feared his leg will have to be amputated.

### Drowned While Bathing.

Covington, Ky., June 19.—William Steiner, 16, was drowned in the Ohio river while bathing at the foot of Main street. Steiner was noticed sinking by his playmates but they could not reach him in time.

### The Highest in Nine Years.

Lexington, Ky., June 19.—The heat here has been intense. There were two prostrations. W. H. Smith and Louis Fain, both of whom, however, are out of danger. The mercury was 92—the highest point for June reached in nine years.

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